



VVONDERFULL
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Element, ouer the *Citie of Lon-*
don and other places, on Monday being the se-
conde day of September: beginning betweene
eight and nine of the clocke at night, increa-
sing and continuing till after midnight:
most strange and fearefull
to the behol-
ders.

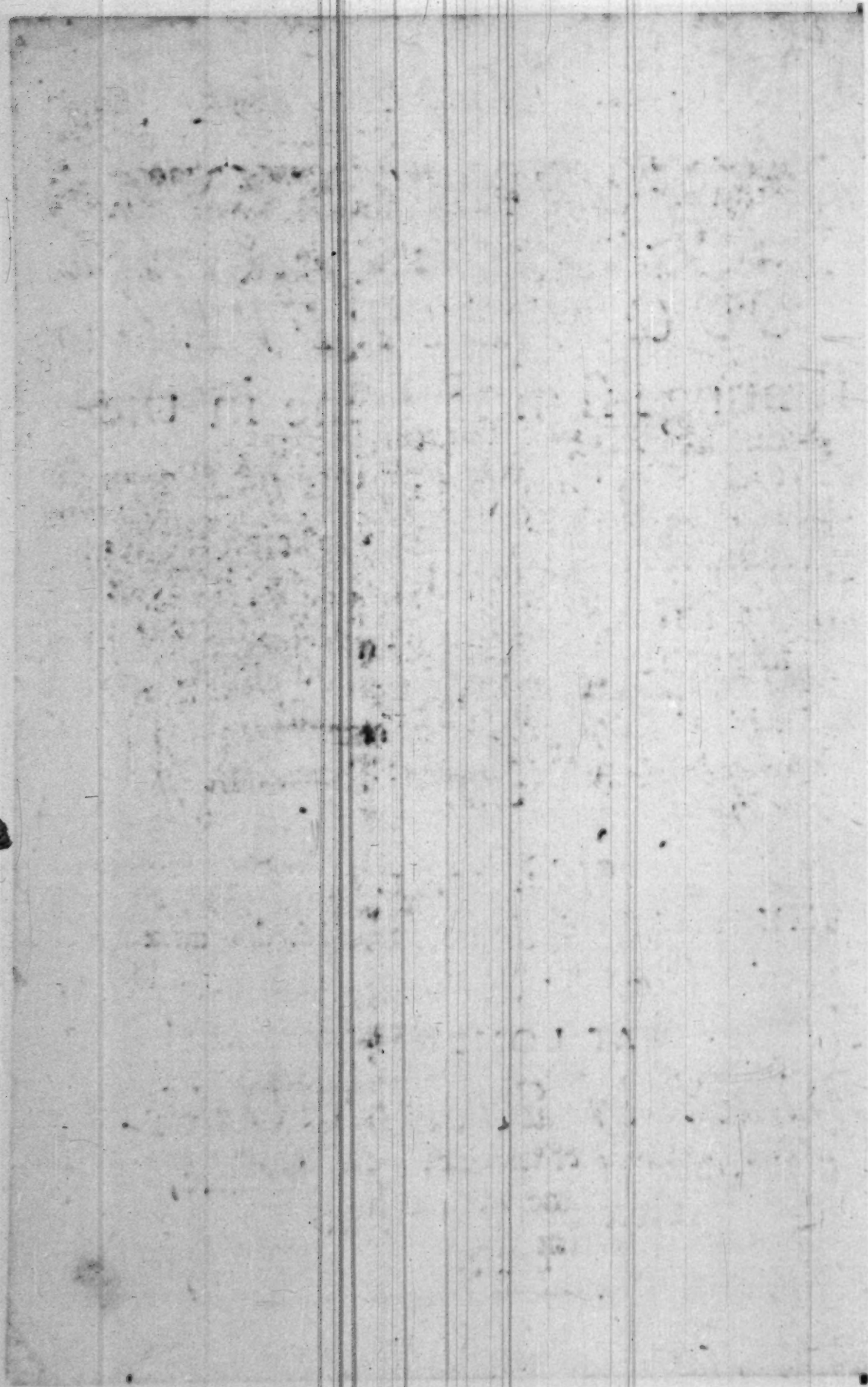
Psalm. 19. I.

The Heauens declare the glory of God, and the firmament
sheweth his handy worke.

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So nothing can move
or stirre man more ef-
fectually, vnto the fee-
ling of his owne sins,
then the lawe of God,
thundred out, & threat-
ned against the consci-
ence of his iniquity: so,
nothing can draw him, more forcibly vnto
repentance, then the sensible sight and fee-
ling, of fearefull and mighty plagues, hea-
uenly threathninges, and strange and prod-
igious wonders, drawn by the efficient cause
(God) from the operations of earthy, ayre,
watry, & heauenly supernal Clementes. As
on Monday, beeing the second of September,
Anno 1583. was seen very strange sights
in the ayre, beginning betwixt the houres
of eight & nine at night. And so increasing
& continuing till after midnight, but chiefly
betwixt cleuen & twelue was seen maruai-
lous strange, rare, miraculous, & wonderful
permouements, ad and regrediations, with
constellations of the ayre, and watery ele-
ments, which were sometime darke, some-
time red, sometime fiery, and bloody colour-
red, with streames like sharpe speares, shew-
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ting straight vpwarde, and meeting together, (as it were) in a round point, with flashes, much brightnesse, many streames, and straunge and vnwonted collours of the rainebow. As also with the collour of the fire of Brimstone, and seeming as it were burning with fierye flashes and smoake. Strange, and fearefull no doubt to the beholders, as though the gallant frame, of all the radiant skie and elements, had beene euen then about to be set on fire. All which threates and often preachings from Heauen, by fyre, doth yet once agayne call out disobedience, vnto speedy obedience, and amendment of life. And therefore, as one that beheld the same, although of all others, the most vnfittest to report it, haue here in writing, published the very trueth, and sight, as it then appeared and was manifestly seene, (ouer our horizon at London) & no doubt of many others. To the end that none might be ignorant, of that last warning, which appeared, to call vs vnto repentaunce. Before the Lord God (whose mercies, are alwaies as great, as him selfe) do bring any notable ouerthrow, or destruction vpon any nation, kingdome, or people, he first of all giueth them
them

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them warning, to the ende, that if they repented not, yet they might be sound, vnerusable, as hauing no cause, to plead ignorance. Thus he dealt towarde the Sodomitites, to whom, before hee destroyed them. (With fire and brimstone from heauen) hee sent three Angels to *Abraham*, to giue them warning, who prayed for them. And before he destroyed the old worlde, by the diluge of water, he sent them *Noah*, who preached by the preparing of an Arke, an hundred and twenty yeares, so that euery stroke of his hammers, might haue been a sufficient sermon, to warne them, of the comming of the waters: before the dearth came vpon *Egypt*, Gen. 18. the Lorde sent *Ioseph*, to prouide barnes, and store, for old father *Iacob*, & his familie, as it appeareth, in the 45. chapter of *Gene.* Gen. 6.

When the heart of *Pharaoh*, could be mollified, towards the *Egyptians*, by none other meanes then by the Lordes punishments, The Lorde sente ten merueilous notable plagues, and wonders vpon *Pharaoh*, and al his host, yea, from the hiest that sitteth on the imperiall seate, to the lowest, that grindeth in myll, or standeth behinde the doore, and made his stoute stomacke, come what

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What to stoupe. The Lorde hath forwarne
vs a great while, & yet doth not cease, so to
doe skil, first by his Law, then by his gospel,
thirdly by the benefites, that we haue conti-
nually receiued of him, fourthly by his crea-
tures, and miraculous tokens, strange mon-
sters, blazing comets, vnwonted eunda-
tions of waters, strange fishes, perrillous
warres, earthquakings, and last of all, fyre
constellations, as now also lately appeared,
and is here afoze more plainly specified. Ob-
seruing in al pointes (touching the declara-
tion of that strange sight, which I sawe) the
tructh, so neere as I can. Requesting, the
gentle readers, to pardon me, as one vnlear-
ned, and willing to submit my sayings, al-
waies to the censure, iudgement, and discre-
tion of the learned, whom I reuerence. Re-
questing al, to bear in mind, the holy words
of S. Peter in his second epistle, and thirde
Chapter, whiche are spoke to this purpose.
First, that there shal come in the latter daies
mockers, walking after their otone lustes,
And saying, wher is the promise of his com-
ming? For euer since, the olde fathers fel a-
sleepe, al things haue continued still alike
from the beginning and creation of the
world.

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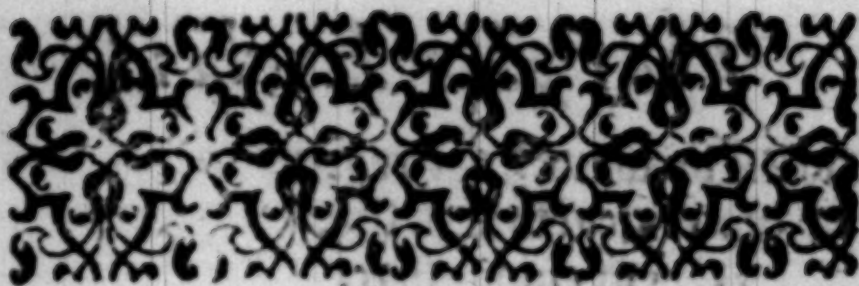
woylde. For this they know, (how be it are wilfully ignorant of it) howe that the heavens were of old, and the earth consisting of the water, and the water by the worde of God. By the which the woylde that then was (as I have sayde before) perished, being ouer runne with Water. But the heavens, and the earth which be now, are kept in store, by his worde, and reserued vnto fire, against the day of iudgement, and the pardition of vngodly men. And therefore be not ignorant of this, that one day is with the Lord, as a thousand yeares, and a thousand yeares, as one day. And that y^e Lord is not slack in comming, as some men count slacknesse, but is patient to vswarde, (so far as much) as he would haue no man lost, but receiued all, vnto repentance. Neuerthelesse, whether ye repent, or continue still in your sinnes, yet the day of the Lord shall come, as a theefe in the night, in which the heavens shall passe away with a greate noise, and the clementes shall melt, with feruent heat, the earth also and the woyles that are therein, shall be vtterly burned. Being then, that al these things shall perish, what manner of persons ought ye to bee, in al manner

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of holy conuersation and Continence. Looking for, and hastning vnto the coming of the day of God, by whom, the heauens shall perishe with fire, and the elements shall melte with seruerie heate. Wherefore good Christians and beeloued brethren, seeing that you doe now looke for suche thinges, which vndoubtedly shall come to passe, be diligent, that ye may be founde of the Lord in peace, without spot, and undefiled. Wherefore seeing ye bee warned, (and that afore hand by diuers and sundry preditions) to take heed. Take heed and beware, least ye fall away (tho: ow the error of the wicked) from your owne stedfastnes. But growe ye in grace, and in the knowledge of our onely Lord, and Saviour Iesus Christ, to whom be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Farewell in the Lord,

Thomas Day.



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England, which setteth out
our great sinne and iniquities, Gods long suffer-
raunce, his sundry kindes of callings, our slacknesse
in comming, our incredulity in beleeving,
and our iust destruc-
tion.

NO comfort, solace, nor no ioy,
can lodge within my brest,
Because thou dost me stil annoy,
with thy vnquiet rest.

Repent England, and turn with speed,
whilst God doth dayly cal,
For he doth sende, and byd thee mend,
before thy dreadful fal.

Deare England thou, dost dayly grieue
and vex me every way,
To see my woꝝkes and proue my deeds,
what I can do, or say.

Repent England, &c.
Ful twenty yeares and foure thou hast
at large, heard out my cry,

And

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**And fill by word, I say repent
by waters, earth, and skie.**

Repent england, &c.

And as vpon Ierusalem,

**I did both weepe and waile,
So doth my louing preachers cry,
but nothing can preuaile,**

Repent england, &c.

Thou thinkest not vpon my call,

my voyce thou dost note here,

**My preachers meeke, my word most sweet
to sanc, thou dost not feare.**

repent england, &c.

Regleering fill, thou dost fulfil

all wickednesse and sinne,

**And hast delight, both day and night
to sit, and dwell therein.**

repent england, &c.

**What sinnes in Noe, his time were found,
or els in Sodomes store,**

**That doth not now in thee abound,
a thousand times, and more.**

repent england, &c.

**Is not thy whoredome, and thy pride,
thy vsury, and gaine,**

**Thy waight, and measure vniust fynde,
fill lodged in thy baine.**

repent

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repent england, &c.

So care to get, so that thou haue,
thy pining purse to fil,
Who be vndon, although thereby
thy brothers blood thou spil.

repent england, &c.

Loe England now, what meaneth else,
thy rents which tripled bee,
In such a rate, that none but thou
or thine, can dwell with thee.

repent England, &c.

And is it all, nay leases great,
yea Fines and Incomes bare
Up such a price, that non thats wise,
but thee and thine doth feare.

repent England, &c.

Why dealest thou so (O England)
with thine annointed king,
Who fills thy store, and empts thy store
again, of every thing.

repent england, &c.

But avarice (that bagg) stirres vp,
thy Tygred natures kinde,
To wzing and wrest the poze, to fill
thine vncontented minde.

repent england, &c.

Thus carelessly, thou dost contemne

the

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the poore, whom thou shouldst feed,
And to the rich thou makest feastes
with fare thou dost exceed.

repent england, &c.

Esteeming more thy gluttony,
thy pride, and idle life,

Then care, and conscience of the poore,
to end their law and stryfe,

repent england, &c.

Yet God doth send his *Ionas* still,
thee England to cal,

While there is time, if thou wilt heare,
and feare, from sinne to sal.

repent england, &c.

If not, his iudgement is most swift,
remember Easter past,

how on the wednesday, he did shake
this carth, and all things fast.

repent england, &c.

Both Castles, townes, and Towers strong,
and Mountaines euery where,

The ground most firme, and al thereon
did shake, and quake soz feare.

repent england, &c.

If then his wrath be found so scarce,
as sencelesse things makes nymble,
Shall it not make the stoutest hearts,

and

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of vnderstanding tremble:

repent england, &c.

Yes, yes, O england think not so,

but that thou shalt be found,

And as amazed gydficke man,

fal flat with death to ground.

repent england, &c.

While thou hast time, therefore repent,

and call to God for grace,

That he from wrath may yet relent,

and al thy sinnes deface.

repent england, &c.

Unto thee which his iudgements call,

and cause thee to decline,

And thitherward appoint thy path,

as by a squared lyne.

repent england, &c.

Repent I say, and seeke his face,

whilst it is to be found,

In this same special time of grace,

here living on the ground.

repent england, &c.

And dare thou not protract the time,

to dally any more,

Because the iudge with iudgement comes,

and standeth at the doore.

and saith repent, &c.

With

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With wonders strange and monsters fell,
and blazing starres by past,
Doth stil prognosticate and tell,
of iudgement at the last.

repent england, &c.

What sickness new, with plagues are sent,
what floods do overflow,
In every place, what wars are bent
to tell vs it is so.

repent england, &c.

And every thing in their degree,
as nature hath assignde,
The tyde, the time, and winters bee,
unnatural by kinde.

repent england, &c.

What warnings hath beene often sent
to thee, by flashing fireames
Of fire, which bids thee to repent
and wake, out of thy dreames.

repent england, &c.

The cloudes, likewise infect with bloude,
and Brimstone fire, like smoken,
With colours strange, not oft like seene,
a day of dome betoken.

repent england, &c.

As late (alacke) on Sunday last,
who so abroad did range,

Betwixt

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Between the howres of leuen and twelue,
might see it very strange.

repent england, &c.

On al the parts of heauenly sky.

was tokens to remember,

The latter comming of the Lorde,
the second of September.

repent therefore O england, &c.

Therefore while thou haste time and space,
and while he calles thee still,

Come vnto him, turne not thy face,
obey vnto his wil.

repent england, &c.

And thou shalt haue, that he hath bought,
and purchast for thee free,

The kingdome of eternall rest,
for thy reward and fee.

repent england, &c.

Lord send vs al those heauenly ioyes,
with thee for to remaine,

And vs defend from sathans noyes,
and euerlasting paine.

repent england, &c.

God saue our queene Elizabeth,
and stablish still her raigne,

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**In health, and wealth, and happy peace,
thy Gospel to maintaine.**

**Repent (O England) then with speed,
and turne from Satans thall.**

**Both man and wife, amend your life,
and Christ will save you all.**

F J N S.

